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Representative Barbara Comstock
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RE: Support for H.R. 4151 Smart Technology for Resilient, Efficient, Economic and Reliable Transportation in Cities and Communities Act "STREET Act"

Dear Member of Congress:

The Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) and The Technology Councils of North America (TECNA) fully support the **Smart Technology for Resilient, Efficient, Economic and Reliable Transportation in Cities and Communities Act "STREET Act (H.R. 4151)**. We look forward to working with you to ensure swift passage of this important legislation.

A smart city uses information and communications technology (ICT) to enhance its livability, workability and sustainability. It collects information about itself using sensors, devices or other systems, and sends the data to an analytics system to understand what's happening now and what's likely to happen next.

America has the opportunity to capitalize on the use of smart technologies to help drive innovation, stimulate the economy, grow jobs and bolster the country's position as a global technology leader. The "best and brightest" will come to work for our cities, unlocking innovation in the tech incubators that will be our smart cities.

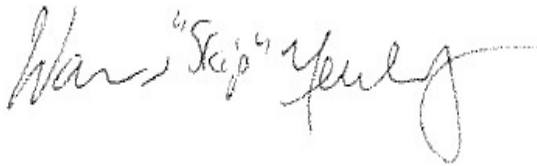
H.R. 4151 would extend the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) highly successful and popular Smart Cities Challenge Program. In 2016, this USDOT program attracted 78 applicants from cities across the nation. Cities proposed ways in which to deploy smart transportation technologies to address real social and economic needs of the community. The application exercise itself helped cities identify and prioritize smart city needs. Ultimately, Columbus, Ohio was announced the grant winner and the city is working diligently with many public-private partners to implement its smart cities transportation plan. Extending this program will help provide more and more cities develop smart city strategies to help serve the needs of their communities.

In addition, H.R. 4151 calls for the development of a federal smart cities program guide, a study of existing smart cities procurement practices so that new, innovative best practices can be utilized to pay for smart cities projects, and a review of existing smart cities standards to ensure interoperable smart city devices and systems.

We the undersigned support the Act and urge Congress to move forward on this important piece of legislation. We feel strongly that Act will help accelerate job growth and innovation within our communities.



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